

THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Tuesday, 5th November 1957.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Fort St. George, at nine of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAU) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Ministers tour in European Countries

* 81 Q.—SRI N. K. PALANISAMI (on behalf of Sri K. Sattanatha Karayalar) : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) whether any Hon. Minister went on tour to any European countries in his official capacity or otherwise during 1957; and

(b) if so, the purpose and the details of the tour?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (a) & (b) Yes. Sri R. Venkataraman, Minister for Industries, visited Geneva, in August 1957, in connexion with the sittings of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal in his personal capacity as an elected member of the Tribunal.

The expenditure incurred in connexion with the above travel was entirely met by the United Nations Organization.

MR. SPEAKER : Questions 82 and 83 may be taken up together.

Zonal system for food supply

* 82 Q.—SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(a) whether any arrangements have been made in connexion with the functioning of Zonal system for food supply in Southern States, regulation of movements inside the zone and for maintaining reasonable prices within the zone; and

(b) if so, the details of the same?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) & (b) The Government of India have taken necessary action for procuring stocks and to control the prices of paddy and rice in the Southern Zone, viz., requisitioning of the stocks with the millers in Andhra Pradesh and the fixation of maximum prices for certain varieties of paddy and rice in the districts of East Godavari, West Godavari and Krishna. The State Government have made the following arrangements in this regard :—

Under the Madras Rice and Paddy Requisitioning Order, 1957, certain officers of this State have been delegated with powers to requisition rice and paddy, to call for any information or statistics regarding stocks of rice and paddy held by a person including